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Lieutenant General Daniel O. Graham, USA  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Dan:

Attached is a copy of a letter I received from Tom Tarpley of the Infantry School at Benning as a follow-on from my December visit there.

I feel as though I've been "mousetrapped" a bit because my original offer to him was to take a look at his problem of teaching Soviet and Chinese tactical doctrine and weapons systems and see what might be done to help him. I did mention a team coming down to Benning as one possible approach that might be considered. Somehow this was interpreted as an offer to provide experts to assist in the Faculty Development Program. In any event, Tom is right in my view: we should be able to provide some useful information and insights to his staff and thus make some contribution to his effort. A copy of my interim response to him apprising him of the steps I am undertaking is also attached.

Tom's letter, which makes reference to my "agency," implies a common misunderstanding of the position and function of the IC Staff. I am simply following your earlier modus operandi, which I inherited and which provides that the proper role of the DCI/IC Staff in this type of endeavor is to serve as an initial catalyst where appropriate and to assist the members of the Community in pooling their resources to develop the most useful responses. You know full well that I do not intend any action which would impinge upon your interests or those of Hal Aaron. A similar view is held by the people

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I've talked to in OSR. They are willing to provide data, and even people, to assist in the preparation of briefings by DIA and Army. They were also agreeable to my suggestion to have an OSR man join a "briefing team" and participate in possible discussions at Benning. But in all of this, they would like to maintain a low profile and let the impetus for this effort come from the military intelligence folks. Incidentally, this effort to support the Infantry School has spawned another, longer term proposal whereby CIA/OSR has agreed to review the classifications of their holdings to, hopefully, permit wider dissemination to the combat and training commands of all of the Services. I will keep you informed of developments in this area.

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Regarding the support for the USAIS, I would like to propose a team be organized under your aegis to visit the Infantry School some time in May to give briefings and participate in discussion sessions. The size and composition of such a team would of course be up to you, but I would like to suggest it include one representative from CIA/OSR to go with your DIA-DI and DE people. (Personally, I think [ ] would make an excellent team leader.) Additionally, I suggest we apprise Hal Aaron right away of the USAIS invitation. Indeed, Hal may want to carry the ball on this one, as I am well over into his area, and I know it. I would be delighted at this juncture to pull back and try to play a useful supporting role. In this way, I believe we can provide the people at Benning with the best talent in town and share the burden of covering all of the suggested topics of discussion. Obviously, this first run at the Infantry School can help us figure out a more structured approach to assist other institutions (including those of the Navy and Air Force) in this overall problem area.

Speaking of burdens, I know your TDY fund picture is bleak. I would hope each agency involved could pay for their own representatives. If, however, this presents a real problem for you, let me know and I will see what I can do at this end.

Sincerely,

/s/ Samuel V. Wilson

Samuel V. Wilson  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy to the DCI for the  
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Attachments:

Ltr. from Gen. Tarpley of 21 Feb

Ltr. from Gen. Wilson to Gen. Tarpley

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Dear General *Wilson*

During your visit here on 30 December 1974, you offered to provide the Infantry School a number of subject matter experts who could make presentations and participate in discussions as a part of our Faculty Development Program. We are definitely interested in pursuing a further exchange of information between your agency and the USAIS, and we hope that you will be able to fund and otherwise support such an effort. Inasmuch as we are currently in the process of revising some of our resident courses, we feel your representatives could provide valuable insights into areas that have significant influence on our programs of instruction. If you can so assist us, we would appreciate your providing us the name of a point of contact in your agency so that further coordination can be effected.

We would like to host your briefing team here at Fort Benning sometime during the April - May time frame to address an audience of between 20-30 individuals from our instructional departments. This would be followed by a smaller "shirt-sleeves" session attended by selected personnel from the Brigade and Battalion Operations Department, the Directorate of Combat Developments, and an intelligence ad hoc group. Discussions with small groups of students and faculty could also be arranged.

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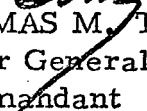
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Inclosed is a list of suggested discussion topics that are of interest to us. These are critical areas in which added intelligence information can serve to strengthen the fiber of our courses and our combat development efforts.

Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm in this program.

Sincerely,

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Major General, USA  
Commandant

SUGGESTED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

I. U.S.S.R.

- A. SOVIET PLATOON, COMPANY AND BATTALION TACTICAL DOCTRINE
- B. SOVIET TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES IN BUILT-UP AREAS/CITIES
- C. SOVIET AIRBORNE/AIRMOBILE TACTICS
- D. ELECTRONIC WARFARE
- E. SOVIET EMPLOYMENT OF STANO EQUIPMENT
- F. THE PK MACHINEGUN
- G. THE BMP (TO INCLUDE ITS CBR FILTRATION SYSTEM)
- H. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY
- I. THE SA-7, SA-8, SA-9 AND ZSU 23-4 AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS

II. PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- A. CHINESE PLATOON, COMPANY AND BATTALION TACTICAL DOCTRINE
- B. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN INFANTRY WEAPONS
- C. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY
- D. COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT ELEMENTS AT DIVISION LEVEL AND BELOW
- E. CHINESE ARMORED/MECHANIZED FORCES

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Intelligence Community Staff

Major General Thomas M. Tarpley  
Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School  
Fort Benning, Georgia 31905

Dear Tom:

(U) Your letter of 21 February was most welcome.

(U) I have sent copies of your letter to General Graham of DIA and am asking for his reaction to the creation of an inter-agency task force to respond to your request. I have also solicited and received a commitment from the CIA's Office of Strategic Research to participate in this effort. With these agencies pulling together, I believe we may be able to send you the best talent in town and adequately cover the topics you suggested.

(C) As you would suspect, most of the intelligence collection, analysis and production resources at the national level are dedicated to resolving those issues and questions normally raised by policy-makers and grand strategists. We can do a pretty fair job of anticipating the capabilities and behavior of a Soviet Tank Army or a Front but we have a considerably smaller data base on small unit tactics. Nevertheless, my own informal inquiries since receipt of your letter convinces me that sufficient information is available to enable us to make some contribution to your effort.

(U) I am going to propose an interagency team be prepared to visit you some time in May. I would anticipate General Graham might designate the team leader. Meanwhile, until I can get something worked out up here, [redacted] of my staff, will be available to respond to any questions or comments from your staff.

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I will keep you apprised of developments at this end as  
I hear from General Graham.

Sincerely,

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Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

cc: Director, DIA